

## Claims

~~1. A method for planning and executing a business software planning and management process applicable to a company or organization, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~Profiling the said company's business software requirements to generate a list of prioritized actions and issues applicable to improving the said company's said business software~~

~~Using said business software profile and methods, effecting improvement actions for said business, including improving existing business software, selecting and implementing new business software.~~

~~2. The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the steps are implemented on a computer system.~~

~~3. A computer based method for analyzing a business entity to devise and maintain a business software management plan applicable to the said business entity, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~Conducting a business software profiling of said business entity, said profiling comprising the said business entity's actions and issues applicable to improving the said business entity's said business software;~~

~~Storing said profiling in a storage device of a data processing system;~~

~~Outputting said profiling, to a second computer to compare said business entity's said business software profile to similar data on other business under said method for managing business software;~~

~~Storing said profile to said second computer;~~

~~Determining, based upon said stored profiling and said computer processors, what business software improvement actions are appropriate for the said business entity.~~

4. A method to evaluate a business process control mechanism based on the weighted priorities of a particular organization comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) using said weighted priorities that are specific to said particular organization, review the capability for a specific said business process control mechanism to meet each said weighted priority using the following three criteria, each with standard answer codes, 1) if, and how, the said weighted priority is achieved, 2) if achieved, how well is the said weighted priority achieved, and 3) the said particular organization's confidence in collected information about the capability for a specific said business process control mechanism to meet a specific said weighted priority.

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) a calculation for each said business process control mechanism comprised of an aggregate score developed from a numeric value of said weighting from each said weighted priority and numeric values for each said weighted priorities' said answers, using said standard answer codes, to the following said criteria 1) if, and how, the said priority is achieved, 2) if achieved, how well is the said priority achieved.

5. A method to prepare to implement and over time increasingly implement a business process control mechanism to meet business process support objectives of a particular organization comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) using said business process support objectives that are relevant to said particular organization, review each said business process support objective and the ability of said business process control mechanism to achieve said business process support objective and determine the answers to the following criteria, each with standard answer codes, 1) can the said business process support objective be achieved by the said business process control mechanism, 2) said particular organization's confidence in the answer code to the criteria, can the said business process support objective be achieved by the said business process control mechanism, 3) if the said business process support objective is achievable by the said business process control mechanism, to what level is the said business process support objective is being met by the said business process control mechanism,

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) manage said effort to implement and further implement said business process control mechanism by using said attributes and said answer codes to locate the most appropriate said business process support objectives to implement with said business process control mechanism,

\_\_\_\_\_ (c) develop implementation progress statistics over time for one or aggregated organizations, such as said particular organization, comprised of an aggregate calculated score developed from a weighting and non-weighted numeric values for each said business process support objective and numeric values for the criteria, 1) can the said business process support objective be achieved by the said business process control mechanism, 2) if the said business process support objective is achievable by the said business process control mechanism, to what level is the said business process support objective is being achieved.